

Fond du Lac County COVID-19 Community Impact Dashboard Definitions



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Confirmed cases - the total count to date of all lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases, including people who have recovered, have died, and are active cases in Fond du Lac County. The dashboard does not include duplicate counts for individuals who are retested and have multiple positive test results. The confirmed case count is for unique individuals to date.

Active cases - the number of individuals with lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 who are currently in their infectious period and are in public health ordered isolation (at home or in the hospital).

Released cases - a case is considered released on the dashboard after 14 days from when the positive test result was reported from a lab, unless the individual with COVID-19 is severely ill and hospitalized. Persons who have met the criteria to be released isolation (10 days from symptom onset, or from test date if no symptoms, AND fever free for 24 hours, AND improving symptoms) are considered to no longer be actively infectious where they can spread the virus to others.

Currently hospitalized - the total number of individuals hospitalized (inpatient) in Fond du Lac County who are confirmed COVID-19 cases. Cases that are currently hospitalized will also be counted in the active case count. Please note:

- This number is provided to public health from the two hospitals in the county (St. Agnes Hospital and Ripon Medical Center).
- This number can include non-county residents.
- This includes ICU and non-ICU.
- We will no longer be publishing a count of Fond du Lac County residents who are hospitalized in other counties.
- Previously, we only published currently hospitalized counts for Fond du Lac County residents who are a confirmed case and had been reported to the health department as an inpatient at any hospital.

Deaths - the total count to date of COVID-19 deaths among Fond du Lac County residents that have a death certificate that lists COVID-19 disease or SARS-CoV-2 as an underlying cause of death or a significant condition contributing to death. Deaths must be reported by health care providers or medical examiners/coroners and recorded in the Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WEDSS) by local health departments in order to be counted as a COVID-19 death. Deaths among people with COVID-19 that were the result of non-COVID reasons (e.g., accident, overdose, etc.) are not included as a COVID-19 death.

Negative Tests - Total count to date of the number of diagnostic, confirmatory tests (PCR or NAT to detect SARS-CoV-2 RNA) administered with a negative COVID-19 test result among Fond du Lac County residents. This data is owned and collected by WI DHS. No antigen or antibody test results are included in this count.

Percent Positive - Percent positive is calculated from the number of positive tests divided by the total number of tests administered each day. If someone has tested positive or negative more than once, they are included and counted each time, on the date the testing lab reports their test result. If a person is tested more than once on a single day, they are counted once per day. Tests are limited to diagnostic, confirmatory polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests or nucleic acid amplification tests (NAT) that detect the genetic material of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. No antigen or antibody results are included in this figure.

References:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/data-101.htm>
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